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ARCHITECTURE WITH PERIODIC CLEANUP

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AMENDMENT A

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of June 20, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 8 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet(s).

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 13 of this paper.